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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Winston-Salem has accepted Carnegie's offer of a library. —— A library valued at $100,000 has been bequeathed to the University of Virginia. —— The Russia-Japanese situation is reported from Tokio as graver than ever; war preparations continue. —— New York cotton future market was excited and higher. —— Frank H. Burness was found guilty of murder in Brooklyn, N. Y., for the killing of Capt. Geo. B. Townsend, of the schooner Chas. K. Buckley, in November last. —— Chas. D. Fenstemacher, convicted of using the United States mails to defraud, in Philadelphia, committed suicide in prison. —— The war feeling in Colombia is intense; even the women demand to be enlisted to go to Panama. —— H. H. Pottle, a New York banker, has undertaken to finance the new cotton mill to be built at Marshall, N. C. —— The torpedo boat Winslow was damaged in collision with a ferry boat at New York. —— United States cruiser New York has been ordered to Panama. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call easy at 3@4 per cent; cotton quiet at 13 30c; flour was quiet; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red 92½c; corn—spot quiet, No. 2 53c; oats—spot steady, No. 2 47½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 22.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 37 degrees; 8 P. M., 46 degrees: maximum, 58 degrees; minimum, 36 degrees; mean, 47 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.37 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M., 9.4 feet and rising.

Port Almanac--December 23.

Sun Rises	7.08 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.50 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport	10.51 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	1.21 P. M.

The Atlanta *Constitution* has a colum headed, "Talks about Atlanta." Wonder what Editor Clark Howell does to those who talk about the likes of Miss Atlanta?

The newspapers say now that General Wood made Roosevelt a colonel. Gentlemen, it is positively cruel to keep on exposing the General and making detrimental disclosures like that.

General Ortiz, in ordering away the cruiser Atlanta, threatens us even with the indignant Colombian women. We rely with confidence on our boys to mash all the women that Gen. Ortiz can bring against them.

The Norfolk *Virginian-Pilot* has a Richmond special under the heading, "Sensational incident in the Oyster Fight." Oysters have been dumb a long time, but when they get to fighting it is evident that a diel of a stew is on.

The Roosevelt administration continues to deny that it encouraged the secession of Panama. We presume we'll have to swallow this, but we'll be dog-gone if we wouldn't like to know who your "cat's paw" was.

Really, we suppose Hanna is out of the race for President, and we know that Admiral Schley is, for he has said that he'll be d—d if he'd serve if he were elected. Now, what Roosevelt wants is for Hanna to make his declination as well understood as Schley's.

Nobody can blame Colombia for being a just a little game, but she had better just put up a little bluff and then rake in what good behavior money Panama is willing to pay her. If she butts into a scrap with Uncle Sam, she'll get none of the canal money and will have to spend her own pin money for bandages.

To an esteemed correspondent who asks what is the meaning of "G O. P." as seen on the howdah of the big elephant in the cartoons emblematic of the Republican party, the STAR will say that in the calcium light of the Roosevelt administration, those initials stand for "Graft Our Policy."

The Houston, Texas, *Chronicle* is evidently in favor of the municipal ownership of typewriters. The *Chronicle* kids the city authorities for paying a rental of $3 50 per month for a $60 typewriter. The amount of rent the city has paid for the machine is $84. Many little leaks of that kind occur where everybody's business is nobody's business.

The Newport News *Times Herald* now comes forward to remind us that it was General Doctor Leonard Wood who was responsible for making President Boosevelt a colonel in the Rough Rider battalion. Gentlemen of the jury, when fresh and grave evidence comes up like this, how is a person of profound equanimity to keep from bringing in a verdict against General Wood?

LOCAL DOTS.

— The *Times* estimates that the probable increase of strawberry acreage in the Florence, S. C., territory will be fully 50 per cent.

— The Health Department yesterday lifted the quarantine for scarlet fever at the residence of Mr. H. C. Howard, No. 118 South Eighth street.

— The STAR has with the compliments of M. W. Divine & Co. a handsome art calendar for the new year—one of the very prettiest of the season.

— The remains of Miss Sarah E. Ormsby were sent to Ashton yesterday for burial. Rev. Geo. B. Webster, of this city, went up to conduct the services.

— Peggie Anderson, colored, wanted since April 15th for an assault upon Lucy Jane Coleman, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days by Justice Fowler yesterday.

— The announcement in the STAR that L'Arioso Club had changed the date of its holiday german to December 28th was erroneous. The date remains December 31st, as originally announced.

— Attention of the holiday shoppers is called to the announcement of Mr. A. S. Winstead in another column. He has a big stock of choice oranges and a full line of fireworks for the Christmas trade.

— Miss Emma Brice and Mr. Rivenbark, of Teachey's, N. C., were married at the home of the bride's parents yesterday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Rivenbark left on the northbound train for a wedding trip.

— Every day coffee and chocolate are daintily served free of charge to all visitors at the store of the Carpenter Grocery. The idea is new and novel, and one which the ladies of the city are highly appreciating.

— Dr. Percy Shields and Miss Bloch, who is quite well known in Wilmington, were married in Cincinnati Monday evening. A number of congratulatory telegrams and presents were sent by friends in Wilmington.

CHRISTMAS-DAY FOOT-BALL.

Strong Teams Being Developed for Next Friday's Game at Hilton Park,

Much interest is being manifested among the prominent young people of the city in the Christmas-Day football contest between the "Home Boys" and "Collegians" Friday of this week on the Hilton gridiron. The collegian's team is made up of young men who have taken a prominent stand in athletics at the several colleges they have been attending and the "down homers" have been making good time at their practice. A good-natured rivalry has sprung up between the two teams and it would seem to indicate a contest of meritorious proportions.

The "Home Boys" have adopted red and white as their colors and they are expected to float gaily from many a whip-staff, cane and tin horn on the day of the game. The contest will be called at 3 o'clock and it will be without money and without price. Everybody is invited.

SEABOARD AIR LINE AFFAIRS.

Auditor Here Transferring the Office to Newly Appointed Agent.

Mr. S. O. Bauersfield, of Portsmouth, Va., an auditor of the Seaboard Air Line, arrived in the city yesterday and is now busily engaged in making the transfer of the local general agency of the company to Mr. E. B. Williamson, whose arrival in the city has been noted. Mr. Bauersfield will be here several days.

Mr. Williamson has entered upon his new work with energy and enthusiasm. He expects to spend Christmas at his former home in Norfolk, but will be away only a few days. He will be joined here in January by Mrs. Williamson contrary to the erroneous statement in yesterday's paper that the new agent was a single man. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson will be cordially welcomed as residents of the city.

Testimonial to Dr. McClure.

In token of their appreciation of his kindly interest and as a mark of their love and esteem, members of the Y. M. C. A. Bible Class on Monday evening presented to Dr. A. D. McClure, through Mr. C. M. Whitlock, a handsome sterling silver-mounted carving set. Dr. McClure has worked unselfishly for more than a year with the young men composing the class and the spirit which prompted the gift was beautiful indeed. After the presentation and regular weekly supper a flash light photograph of the class was taken by Mr DeWitt Schonwald.

Arrived With His Wife.

Mr. Wm. J. Hutaff arrived in the city Monday night with his bride. He was married to Miss Lizzie Dunkle, of Montreal, Canada, on Dec. 16th. Mr. and Mrs. Hutaff are guests of Mr. Hutaff's mother, No. 315 North Seventh street. He will remain in Wilmington and go in business with his brother Mr. Geo. H. Hutaff.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Banks—No business Saturday.
Savings Banks—Close Saturday.
J. W. Plummer, J.—Fruit, candy.
A. S. Winstead—Oranges, fireworks.
Hill Direc'y Co.—Southern Almanac

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Prices on hauling sand.
Vann's Cigar Store—Cigars by box.

POSTOFFICE TALK.

Business Community May Enter Protest Against Mrs. D. L. Russell's Appointment.

THE INFORMATION YESTERDAY

People Regard Chairman Rollins' Choice as Virtual Appointment of the Ex-Governor—Some Other Possibilities—Turn of Affairs.

There were no other developments yesterday in the postoffice situation, and a well informed person who was consulted about the matter said there would be none until January 5th or 6th. The news that the endorsement of Chairman Rollins for the office had been tendered to Mrs. D. L. Russell was confirmed from all sources, but it was stated by several that the tender was with the understanding that Miss Darby should be assistant. What affect the declination of Miss Darby to accept second place will have upon the chairman's determination to give the office to Mrs. Russell is not known. It is believed by many that the tender of the subordinate place to Miss Darby and the principal to Mrs. Russell has caused a breach between those two influences and, if so, the effect will be to give all hands an equal showing again when the case is reopened after the holidays. Friends of Miss Darby and the other now less favored candidates entertain such ideas nevertheless. Ex-Governor D. L. Russell's influence all along has been understood to have been with Miss Darby until the unexpected turn of affairs on Monday.

There are those who entertain the idea that in the final compromise of affairs in the fight, either Mr. John H. Gore, Jr., or his father, Mr. D L. Gore, will land the position. Waile neither of them is an avowed candidate, it is said that either would sacrifice his personal inclinations in the interest of harmony.

BUSINESS MEN MAY PROTEST.

Will the business community enter a concerted objection to the appointment of Mrs. Russell? That was a question frequently asked yesterday and supplemented by the statement that the appointment of Mrs. Russell would virtually amount to handing the office over to the ex-Governor, who appears to be, by no means, a Wilmington favorite. It is known that had the Chamber of Commerce meeting reached representative proportions yesterday a resolution would have been introduced protesting against Mrs. Russell's appointment upon the grounds stated. The Chamber will be in session again to-day and the resolution may be introduced, but it is not known whether the matter will be considered by the body as one within its province to deal. There was an informal discussion of the advisability of entering a protest on the floor of the Chamber after the meeting yesterday afternoon, but the opinions on the subject were varying. The protest, should one be made, would be entirely upon the ground of Judge Russell's personal relation to such an appointment.

DEPUTY SHERIFF TURNS FIREMAN.

Incipient Blaze Extinguished by Officer Harvey Cox Yesterday Morning.

At the risk of a new coat of which he quickly divested himself, Deputy Sheriff W. H. Cox yesterday turned fire-fighter and extinguished an incipient blaze started in some tall grass around the fence enclosing Mr. B. J. Jacobs' residence, on Princess street. Deputy Sheriff Cox was coming down the sidewalk about 10:30 o'clock and noticed a colored boy in front light a cigarette and carelessly throw the burning match into some dry grass around the fence. In a moment there was a blaze and the pitch-pine fence, in close proximity to Mr. Jacobs' residence, very quickly caught. The officer, after the manner of Sir Walter Raleigh, at once drew off his coat and commenced to lambast the flames. The negro boy, seeing the mischief he had done, returned to the scene and assisted in arresting the progress of the fire. He listened to a curtain lecture from the officer on the "Evil of Carelessness" and then departed.

EMINENT SPECIALIST HERE.

Dr. H. A. Kelly and Members of His Family Guests at The Orton.

Dr. H. A. Kelly, of Baltimore, gynaecologist at Johns Hopkins University and one of the most distinguished authorities of his profession in America, arrived in the city yesterday, accompanied by his daughter, Miss O. E. Kelly, and two sons, Messrs. H. K. and Fritz Kelly. They are on their way to Florida and are guests at The Orton for a few days. Dr. Kelly will spend a day or two hunting here with Dr. T. S. Burbank and other members of the medical profession in the city. Dr. Kelly will also call at the James Walker Memorial Hospital and renew his friendship with the surgeon in charge, Dr. Joseph Akerman, who for sometime was on Dr. Kelly's staff in Baltimore.

PASSING OF A GOOD MAN.

Aged Father of Mr. D. L. Gore in Extremis, End Expected Any Moment.

A telegram received in the city yesterday conveyed the sad intelligence to relatives here that Mr. John H. Gore, Sr., the venerable father of Mr. D. L. Gore, of Wilmington, was in a dying condition at his home in North Carolina, near Loris, S. C. Mr. Gore left immediately on the afternoon train to be with his father, who has reached the advanced age of 88 years. Only about three months ago the aged mother of Mr. Gore died at the age of 81 years.

FOUR SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

North Carolina Sorosis Makes Another Valuable Contribution to Pupils in the Country—Great Work.

The North Carolina Sorosis should be warmly commended for the great work it is doing in the public schools of the State, and especially what is being done by the Wilmington chapter for the schools of New Hanover. Late last Spring one circulating library was started on its rounds, carrying sunshine and brightness into hundreds of homes in rural communities in this county, and on yesterday the culmination of another half-season's effort on the part of the ladies here was the presentation through Miss Margaret L. Kingsbury to Prof. Washington Catlett, superintendent of county schools, of four other circulating libraries which will be sent out immediately after the holidays. The books are standard and will have an elevating effect upon the literary tastes of those young people into whose hands they may fall. Each school is privileged to keep one of the libraries three months and Prof. Catlett has about decided to assign the four now in hand to East Wilmington, Federal Point, No. 12, on the Castle Haynes road, and Castle Hayne's districts, which do not now enjoy the privileges of rural libraries under the offer of the State last year.

Prof. Catlett says the value of these rural and circulating libraries cannot be underestimated. He requires of the teachers regular reports of the interest shown in the books by the pupils and he is of the opinion that no other like agency is doing so much in diffusing literary knowledge among the young people of his charge.

UNIVERSAL OIL AND FERTILIZER CO.

Certificate of Incorporation for New Wilmington Enterprise—Shareholders.

A certificate of incorporation for the Universal Oil and Fertilizer Company of Wilmington, was received from the Secretary of State by the Clerk of the Superior Court here yesterday. The charter is granted for 60 years and the place of business will be Wilmington, though the company has the right to conduct places of business anywhere it may choose. The capital stock is $50,000 with privilege to increase it at any time to $500,000. The company is authorized to begin business when $15,000 of the amount shall have been subscribed to at the par value of $100 per share. That per centage of the stock has already been taken by Messrs. B. G. Worth, C. W. Worth and W. E. Worth, who each subscribe to 50 shares. The stockholders are not individually liable for any of the company's torts, debts, contracts or other obligations of any kind whatsoever.

The business proposed is to manufacture and sell oil; to buy and sell cotton seed and the products of cotton seed, and the products of cotton seed meal; to buy and sell any grease-producing product; to manufacture and refine oil and sell the same; to manufacture, buy and sell cotton, cotton seed and the products of the cotton plant.

As before stated, the location of the plant in Wilmington will be just back of the Wilmington tobacco warehouse. Spur tracks to facilitate railroad shipments from the works are being laid.

WELL KNOWN PRINTER DEAD.

Mr. Thomas T. Seeders Passed Away Yesterday—Funeral This Afternoon.

Mr. Thomas T. Seeders, a well known printer of Wilmington and a highly respected citizen, died yesterday morning at his home, No. 304 MacRae street, after a brief illness. About a year ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis and had never fully recovered from the effects of it when his heart failed him and he passed peacefully away. Mr. Seeders was born in Lynchburg, March 15th, 1838, and was, therefore, in the 66th year of his age. He had worked at the printing trade all his life and had been a resident here for many years. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife, one son, Mr. Thos. J. Seeders, and one daughter, Miss Meddie Seeders.

The funeral will be conducted at 3:30 this afternoon from Market Street M. E. church by Revs. J. W. Potter and A. B. Hatton and the remains will be laid to rest in Oakdale.

CLEVER NEGRO SWINDLER.

Afro-American Editor Who Skipped Charlotte Once Lived Here.

D. Edward Bell, a negro who once ran a paper for the colored race in this city, is pronounced by the Charlotte *Observer* one of the cleverest negro swindlers who ever transacted business in that city. Bell turned up in Charlotte several weeks ago and established a semi-weekly newspaper for colored people. According to his conversation and editorials he was one of the most philanthropic of his race. He wore good clothes and vowed that his paper was the best thing that was ever established for his race.

All was smooth with Bell until he commenced to buy goods of Charlotte merchants last Saturday and to buy heavily, giving checks in payment therefor and in some instances securing "the change." The checks having been found worthless, it was ascertained that Bell had sold his paper and left for parts unknown. He is said to have worked the same game in Wilson, Raleigh, Goldsboro and other eastern cities.

Notice the window at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller. †

CONDEMNS PRACTICE.

Chamber of Commerce Committee's Plan to Prevent Adulteration of Spirits.

A SPECIAL MEETING TO-DAY.

Attendance Yesterday Not Sufficiently Representative of Naval Store Interests to Pass Upon Important Matter. Official Circular.

The call for a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to receive the report of the committee recently appointed to formulate a plan to remedy existing conditions relative to the adulteration of spirits turpentine, did not develop an attendance sufficiently representative of the naval stores interests of the port to pass upon a question regarded as of such importance as the one in hand yesterday afternoon and an adjournment was taken until 12 o'clock to-day, when it is hoped that all who have at heart the welfare of the industry here will be present. In justice to the committee, the members of which have given liberally of their time and study to the question, and the Chamber of Commerce, to which the responsibility for local trade conditions attaches, the meeting to day should be especially well attended.

President Taylor, of the Chamber, called the meeting to order at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and briefly stated the object of the same. As Secretary Kyle was about to read the report of the committee, Mr. C. W. Worth, its chairman, raised the point as to attendance, stating that the committee desired the concurrence in any action, as far as possible, of every naval stores receiver and buyer on the market. There should be a discussion of every feature of the report, he said, intimating that if any amendments were needed they should be added. Unanimity of action was regarded as essential to the success of the plan. President Taylor then adjourned the meeting until noon to-day urging the necessity for a full attendance upon the deferred session.

THE COMMITTEE'S PLAN.

The committee which submits the plan is composed of Mr. C. W. Worth, chairman; Mr. H. K. Nash and Mr. B. F. Hall, and their report which contemplates the re-establishment of the old standing committee of the Produce Exchange on Inspection and Classification, is as follows:

Wilmington, N. C. Dec. 21st., 1903.

Your committee appointed to arrange such details as in their opinion would stop the practice of adulteration of spirits of turpentine, beg to suggest the following plan:

First:—That there be issued an official circular by this Chamber setting forth that it has been brought to its official notice that more or less adulteration of spirits is being practiced by some manufacturers who market their spirits here and that the said practice is seriously damaging the reputation of this market. The object of the circular is to request all who have been engaged in this practice to abandon it and to give notice that in every case of suspected adulteration the article will be subjected to a rigid inspection by an agent appointed and bonded by this Chamber, and, if found adulterated, the maker will be prosecuted by the Inspector to the full extent of the law.

Second:—That it shall be the duty of every receiver of spirits of turpentine on this market to furnish the name of any manufacturer whose spirits may have been found adulterated by the Inspector, and in case of refusal to do so the prosecuting suit shall be instituted against such receiver.

Third:—That the expenses of such inspection shall be made as reasonable as possible and shall beborne by the manufacturer, if found adulterated, and if not so found the expense shall be borne by the buyer or party who made the complaint.

Fourth:—That this Chamber take steps to have a more stringent law with heavier penalty passed at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

At Home From School.

Among the Wilmington young ladies and gentlemen at home from college for the holidays are: Misses Margaret and Bessie Bridgers, Elovine Burruss, Fannie Murchison, Bessie and Belle Latimer, Margaret Short, Atha Hicks, Florence Kidder; Messrs. Louis T. Moore, Chas. C. Loughlin, Preston Cumming, Jr., Rob Calder and Eugene LeGrand, from the University; H. B. Short, Jr., from Columbia College; Marsden Smith from A. & M.; Gordon Grant, from Mebane; John Murchison, from Horner's; Neill Emerson, from Boston Tech.; Dave Chadwick, from Poughkeepsie, and W. M. Bellamy, from the University of Virginia.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

The tone of the local cotton market changed yesterday from steady to firm at 12½c. for middling with receipts of 2,010 bales against 2,142 same day last year. Spirits was firm at 55c. British steamer "Devonshire," Capt. Coull, hence for Bremen with cargo of cotton, passed out at Southport at 1 P. M. yesterday.

Delayed by Storm.

On account of the rough weather along the coast the Clyde Liner "Carib," due here yesterday morning from New York, did not reach port until about 7 o'clock yesterday evening having passed up from Southport at 3:15 P. M.

Regular mid week meeting at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison Bank building, this evening at 8 o'clock. All are welcome.

Fire Works for Retail Customers at wholesale prices at Gaylord's store. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. L. L. Beall, of Portsmouth is at The Orton.

— Mr. H. L. Hinson, of Kenansville, is at The Orton.

— A. B. Maxwell, Esq., of Whiteville, is at The Orton.

— Dr. Leslie B. Evans, of Clarkton, was here yesterday.

— Mr. O. K. Myers, of Washington, N. C., is at The Orton.

— Mr. R. W. Wallace returned to Rocky Mount yesterday.

— Mr. P. D. Diggs, of Mount Olive, was here yesterday.

— Stephen McIntyre, Esq., of Lumberton, was here yesterday.

— Mr. J. A. Bradbury, of Columbia, S. C., arrived last night.

— Miss Katie Mohr is at home from school to spend the holidays.

— Mr. E. A. Council, of Council's, N. C., is a guest at The Orton.

— Mr. J. A. Thompson, of Conway, S. C., is a guest at The Orton.

— Mrs. E. L. Parr went to Richmond yesterday to spend Christmas.

— Mr. B. L. Wall, wife and two two children, are guests at The Orton.

— Messrs. W. H. Pyke and E. H. Adkins, of Southport, are at The Orton.

— Mr. Ernest Williams, of Augusta, arrived last night from the South.

— Messrs. C. R. and W. T. Aycock are at The Orton en route to Whiteville.

— Miss Staten, of Norfolk, returned yesterday after a visit to the Misses Clark, of Wilmington.

— Cadet Captain E. P. Bailey came home from the A. & M. College last night to spend the holidays.

— Mrs. B. R. Russell has gone to Charleston to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. D. B. Holland.

— Dr. J. A. Stone, who is attending the medical department of the University of Maryland, is at Shallotte for the holiday season.

— Lumberton *Robesonian*: "Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dick, of Wilmington, arrived Saturday evening for a visit to their mother, Mrs. Sarah Dick."

— Mr. R. L. Wyatt, wife and child, of Greenville, N. C., are in the city on their way to Southport to spend the holidays with relatives.

— Dr. D. W. Bulluck went up to Rocky Mount yesterday and last night attended the marriage of his brother, Mr. Readen Bulluck, of that city.

— Rocky Mount *News*: "Miss Maude Bulluck, of Wilmington, and Miss Della Rieves, of Florence, S. C., are in the city, the guests of Miss Bettie Bulluck."

— General Secretary Charles Dushan, of the Y. M. C. A., went to Rocky Mount yesterday to do some work for the Executive Committee of the State.

— Mr. I. W. Murphy, of Charlotte, one of the secretaries of the State Executive Committee of the Y. M. C. A. of North and South Carolina, is spending a few days in the city with friends.

— Mr. E. C. Herring, formerly principal of the Greenville Sound public school but now one of the popular law students at the University of North Carolina, is in the city renewing acquaintances during the holidays.

— Mr. Jno. W. Blomme returned last night from a business trip to Mount Olive. Mr. Blomme is travelling with an original and novel announcement of Wilmington merchants who are catering especially to the holiday trade.

— Mr. L. L. Motte, court stenographer for the Spartanburg, S. C., district and a young man of brilliant attainments in his chosen field, came home yesterday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Motte, 109 South Second street. Mr. Raymond S. Motte, who is also at Spartanburg, expects to reach home for the holidays to-day.

Resents the Imputation.

The Lumberton *Robesonian* in a very sensible editorial this week takes exception to the designation of its enterprising little city as "a guano warehouse." The objectionable paragraph appeared in an article in the Charlotte *Chronicle* referring to the offer of the Seaboard railroad agency there to Capt. T. D. Meares, of this city, at $70 per month. This reference to the *Robesonian's* correction is for the purpose of giving that paper's information as to the business of the Seaboard through the Lumberton station. During September, which was an average of the year, the volume of the Seaboard's business at that point was $15,769.60. The *Robesonian* may rightly conclude from those figures that if its town is to be "a guano warehouse" in the estimation of the Charlotte paper, it must, indeed, be conceded to be a big one.

Will Be Married To-day.

At the residence of the bride's mother, 419 Grace street, this morning at 8:30 o'clock in the presence of a number of friends of the popular young people, Miss Callie P. Bronson, daughter of Mrs. Josephine Bronson, and Mr. Thos. A. Wortham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Wortham, will be happily united in marriage. Miss Allie McIntyre, of Teachey's, arrived yesterday to be present at the marriage. The bride and groom will leave on the northbound A. C. L. train for a visit of ten days to Mr. Wortham's parents in Piedmont N. C.

Do You Need a Tuxedo Suit for the Holidays?

If so, let us have your order at once.

We have many things to offer our friends and patrons, which would not only make handsome but useful Xmas Presents.

We are showing a swell line of Neckwear.

Have you seen our Dress Suit Protectors, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

Umbrellas and Canes.

M. H. Curran.

Merchant Tailor and Men's Furnisher, next door to Orton Hotel.
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For Christmas Sale.

50 Dozen Trefousse Kid Gloves $1.00 per pair.
200 Dozen Handkerchiefs, all kinds.
10 Dozen Lace Collars, 75 cents to $5.00.
35 Pieces Fur, reasonable.
10 Dozen Dolls, 25 cents to $3.50.
30 Dozen Umbrellas, $1.00 to $8.00.
45 Dozen Gent's Ties, Hose, Collars and Cuffs.
15 Dozen Pictures, 25c up.
Also Picture Frames, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Muff Sets for Children, Purses and Bags, Leather and Silk Belts, &c., &c.

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No Business

Will be transacted by the Banks of Wilmington, North Carolina,

SATURDAY, DEC. 26, 1903.

THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,
THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK.

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No Business

Will be transacted by the undersigned Savings Banks,

Saturday, December 26th.

ATLANTIC TRUST & BANKING CO.
WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO.
PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK.

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CHRISTMAS-WEEK OFFENDERS.

Another Batch of Drunks and Disorderlies Before the Mayor Yesterday.

A dozen Christmas-week offenders were before the Mayor, when the sergeant shouted "Hats off in court" yesterday at noon. None of the cases was, however, of importance, though four or five went to the roads under straight sentence or in default of fine and costs.

Charles Ratley and James Gause, both colored and arrested at Fourth and Nixon by Special Officer Jesse Casteen, railroad watchman, were fined $5 and $30 and costs, respectively. Gause had been disorderly and Ratley committed a breach of the peace in his conduct when the officer went to arrest the offender. Alex. Kenan, colored, disorderly conduct, was fined $5 and costs and Sam Clark, drunk and down at Front and Red Cross, was fined $10 or given 30 days. Lou Belle Davis and Julia Moore were each fined $10 and cost for disorderly conduct in the alley opposite the market house, and Nelson Jenkins, cooped by Policeman G. R. Holt at the same time, received similar treatment for a fight he engaged in a day or two previously. The other fines and costs imposed were of no consequence.

COMING OF ROMEO AND JULIET.

Simvelle's Brilliant Revival of an Ever Popular Shakespearean Production.

The *Daily News* of Bristol, Tenn., Nov. 14th, had this criticism of Simvelle's production of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" which will be the offering at the Academy of Music on Christmas night:

"The first dramatic festival ever held in Bristol will open with Lewis Morrison in his celebrated production of "Faust" Nov. 17th. The second attraction of the series of performances is Weber & Fields great success, "Hoity Toity," Nov. 18th. The third will be Jane Kennark in a $40,000 production of "Under Two Flags," Nov. Nov. 19th. The last on the list of the "Big Four" is Simvell's gorgeous production of "Romeo and Juliette," Nov. 20th."

Funeral of Mr. Bannerman.

The remains of the late William T. Bannerman were taken to Burgaw for interment yesterday, accompanied by the bereaved widow, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Grady, R. G. Grady, Miss Mary Cuilbreth, and Rev. J.M. Wells, PhD., of this city, and Mrs. J. B. Moore and Mrs. J. K. Bannerman, who came down from Burgaw Monday night. The funeral services were conduted at 11 o'clock from the Presbyterian church by Dr. Wells in the presence of a large assemblage of friends and the interment was in the burying ground near by.

— Mr. Thomas Wilson, the well known railroad president of South Carolina, is at The Orton.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 23.

SENATOR GORMAN'S POSITION.

A number of the Republican papers are tearing their shirts over what they assume to regard as Democratic opposition to the Panama canal.

All this hullabaloo is being raised because of the very pungent speech of Senator Gorman, in which he criticised the administration for its methods in the Panama deal. Some of the papers go so far as to predict that Senator Gorman's "opposition to the canal" will defeat him for the Democratic nomination for the presidency and that even if he is nominated, the national issue will be the canal, whereupon the people of the United States will decide against him for President.

The Republican sheets would have the country to believe that Mr. Gorman is opposing the canal. Because he criticises the administration's "bull in the china shop" method in the Panama business, the opposition papers attempt to create the impression that Mr. Gorman aims to defeat the canal policy of the administration.

The fact is, Mr. Gorman has declared that he was in favor of the construction of the canal but he would like to see the United States construct it without sullying its honor. Mr. Gorman and all other Americans who believe in the integrity of the the nation and its reputation for justness, feel that they cannot but condemn the Roosevelt-Hay methods. He feels that it is his duty to give vent to this condemnation.

When, however, it comes to building the cannal, that is another thing. Senator Gorman will be content to let the odium of the method fall on the Roosevelt administration, where it belongs, but as the deed of Roosevelt and Hay is an accomplished condition, we do not believe he will obstruct the ratification of the canal treaty.

Senator Gorman like hosts of Americans, feels that he would be unworthy of respect if he bit his lip and fawned in the light of wrong. The fact is, it is in his craw and it is just as well to "spit it out."

BE PATIENT TILL YOUR TIME COMES.

If these professors and one thing or another light into the arena with any of their so "called advanced thought," they will please excuse the newspapers if they go to smearing ink over some of their propositions that are contrary to prevailing sentiment and dangerous to public society.

We have never failed to notice that the most intemperate critics, when under the fire of criticism themselves, generally howl like a panther with a grind stone on its tail. This is a world of give and take and we must have throat of sufficient capacity to swallow our medicine when we are taking what some other fellows prescribe for us.

Always "keep your shirt on" when you are being scourged with the lash of criticism. To-day you may say or do something that will knock the fire of criticism out of the newspaper flints, but remember that to-morrow you are liable to say or do something that will set all the newspaper scribes to throwing the most sweet scented bouquets. All things come to him who waits.

PAPER A HUNDRED YEARS OLD.

The Charleston *News and Courier* will celebrate its hundredth year next month. In that event South Carolina will have at least two reasons to rejoice with the *News and Courier*. One is that they have one of the oldest and most successful newspapers in the South, and the other is that in its old age the paper is vigorous, able and sprightly. May it continue to stand for another hundred years to illustrate the high journalistic principles which have marked its course.

KEEP THE PRIMARIES CLEAN.

The Norfolk *Virginian-Pilot* approves the appointment by the Virginia Democratic State Central committee of a sub-committee to go to Norfolk to investigate the charges of fraud, unfairness and irregularities in the recent Democratic primaries.

Let the committee go to the bottom of the rascality. The Democratic party has no room in it for any brand of infamy. The nominating primaries of the party must never have a taint about them.

THE DAILY ECONOMIST.

The STAR welcomes into the treadmill the Elizabeth City *Daily Economist*. It starts off as chipper as can be, and is bright and newsy and clean of bib and tucker. Editor Creecy, editor of the *Weekly Economist* for years gone by, is editor of the daily. The paper is a credit to Elizabeth City and is conspicuously worthy of the heartiest support of the people of the far eastern part of North Carolina.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The Panama conspiracy has reached the press censorship stage of rascality.—*Jacksonville Times-Union*.

—— Perry Heath says he will not ask Congress to investigate his administration as first assistant postmaster general? Why should he? He's doing very well as it is, and there are times when it is just as advisable to let well enough alone as it is to stand pat.—*Indianapolis News*.

—— Perhaps it is as irrational to look for a Jefferson or a Jackson under the present social system as it would have been to look for a Morgan or a Rockefeller under the earlier conditions of the country. Different times develop different qualities of men.—*Washington Star*.

—— If investigation shows that iron and steel is a natural Canadian industry, no time should be lost in so amending our tariff as to head off the attempt of United States steel manufacturers to secure from Canada business which may be made the means of firmly establishing a Canadian steel industry.—*Toronto World*.

—— Your Uncle Mark Hanna is a foxy man, but he is dead squarely up against it in fighting Gen. Leonard Wood. Wood will win by a length. Rathbone is a dirty deuce in Hanna's clean deck. Heath is another. They are a bad pair. Hanna should slip them in the discard as quickly as possible.—*Emporia (Kan.) Gazette*

—— A full and free discussion of the rights and wrongs of labor and capital will constitute the paramount issue of 1904, and, while no party will dare to proclaim itself as committed in favor of the trusts and against trust regulation and control, or for the crushing out of trades unions, the divergence between the parties will be along those lines.—*Omaha Bee*.

—— Discredited in many other respects, Wall street is still thought to be valuable as a political bogy for the provincials. It used to be monopolized in that way by what passed for the democracy of the country. Now it has been corraled for the exclusive use of the rapidly-diminishing support of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt. We are told that the terrible money-bags of New York have given him their ultimatum, and by grapevine cable from London the horrible tale is intensified with a yarn about $2,500,000 being raised to defeat for nomination to the presidency the greatest product in statesmanship of the twentieth century. And it all must, of course, be true.—*Manufacturers' Record*.

TWINKLINGS.

— "De really smaht man," said Uncle Eben, "is de one dat has sense enough to know dat he's liable to be fooled de same as anybody else."—*Washington Star*.

— Mrs. Noorich—That picture's one of the old masters. Norah (the new maid)—Well, it can't be of any value, ma'am, or sure he'd 'av' taken it wid him whin he moved.—*Harper's Magazine*.

— "I won't be good," said Willy. "Then Santa Claus won't bring you any presents." "Wasn't I bad last year, and didn't I get more'n ever?"—*Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune*.

— Justice Jinks performed the marriage ceremony for five widows on Wednesday last. The men gave feeble responses, but the widows all spoke up firm and lively.—*Atlanta Constitution*.

— "I wish you'd give me the address of your tailor." "I'll do better than that—I'll introduce you to him." "For heaven sake, don't do that, old man. There's no use spoiling my credit right at the jump."—*Chicago Post*.

— Modern Society: "Grace is greatly worried. She can't decide where to go on her bridal tour." "When is she to be married?" "The date hasn't been fixed yet." Whom is she going to wed?" "That's another detail that is yet to be arranged. But she has her trousseau all ready."

— "My boy," said the venerable judge, addressing the young man who was charged with counterfeiting, "I am surprised and pained to see you here. Have you no regard for the dust of your ancestors?" "My ancestors didn't leave me any dust, your honor," replied the irreverent youth. "I've got to make my own dust. See?"—*Chicago News*.

— A Remarkable Pencil.—"Daddy," said a boy to his father, "I've got a pencil which will mark green, purple, crimson, or any color you like." "Not the same pencil, my son." "You dare't bet me sixpence it won't, daddy." "I'll give you sixpence if it will," said the old man. The youngster dived into his pocket, produced the stump of a common lead pencil, and wrote on a piece of paper the words, "Magenta, green, crimson, purple," etc. "There, daddy, say it won't write any color you like now. Fork over that sixpense.—*Tit-Bits*.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Burlington had a $3,000 fire on the morning of December 18th.

— The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company at Winston has absorbed the interests of the Inter-State Company.

— A man named Nelms, under arrest at Asheville for the murder of Alice Lamb at Pineville, Ky., is believed to be one of the men who abducted young Wentz, the West Virginia millionaire mine owner's son.

— Raleigh *News and Observer* of yesterday says Governor Aycock has commuted the death sentence of Henry Holloway, the negro who was sentenced in Greene county to be hanged for rape. He goes to the penitentiary for life.

— A Wilson dispatch to the Raleigh *News and Observer*, under date of December 21st, says Lawrence Morgan, one of the alleged murderers of Percy Jones and who was indicted last week for running a gambling den, has skipped and forfeited his $6,000 bond.

— At Greensboro on Monday the $20,000 damage suit of Osborne against Leach and the Raleigh *News and Observer*, was practically won by the defendants. Judge Allen instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of a penny damages against Leach and dismissed the action as against the newspaper.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: The State pension board on Saturday reversed the decision to which the *Observer* recently called attention, denying pensions to the soldiers of the 67th and 68th North Carolina regiments, on the ground that they were home guards. Their status is now that of other Confederate soldiers.

— At Raleigh on Monday the following companies were incorporated: Craig Lumbor Company, of Alora, Buncombe county, capital $100,000; Elm City Lumber Co., of Elm City Wilson county, capital $50,000 to $100,000; Carolina Mills Co., of Winston-Salem, capital $100,000 to $500,000; Sharpsburg Supply Co., of Sharpsburg, Nash county, capital $8,000 paid in, with privilege to increase to $25,000.

— Esquire Hugh Humphrey has rendered his decision in the case against Register of Deeds W. G. Britt for issuing license for the marriage of a girl from Nash county who was under age. The decision is that the mother of the girl is entitled to recover two hundred dollars, the full amount which the law allows. from the register of deeds. The case will be appealed to the Superior Court, when Mr. Britt says he can prove that he made diligent and sufficient inquiry as to the age of the girl.

— Greensboro *Record*: Greensboro is known for its hospitality, but really we find ourselves in a box, for several esteemed citizens of Raleigh, here on business in the Superior Court, say they find themselves unable to sleep on account of so much noise, and want to go home. We would like to aid them, but this is a bustling town and the "commotion" incident to traffic cannot be interfered with. —— The demand for dwellings for new families moving to Greensboro cannot be supplied by the rental agents. New buildings are going up in every direction, but it doesn't seem to relieve the pressure.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: It is very probable that the mysterious death of Bunn Capps, who was found with his skull crushed in the public road near the residence of Captain A. L. Sasser, in Fork township, about two weeks ago, will soon be unravelled. Events that have transpired since Capps was found has caused suspicion to rest on some parties for whom warrants will soon be issued, if they have not already been arrested. The fact has almost been established that Capps was attacked for the purpose of robbery. He was thought to have on his person the money for a bale of cotton which he brought to town and sold on the morning of the day he was kliled.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: The Democrats in the Senate should vote as a unit on the Panama treaty. The history of this republic does not show as disgraceful a chapter of buccaneering as the conspiracy to inaugurate secession in Panama. It was a useless exhibition of power that has injured American reputation and has lost us the confidence of the South American people. * * If it is right the Democratic minority should vote for the treaty. If it is not right to condone or make precedent of executive usurpation, they should vote against the treaty.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

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LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice, Dec. 22nd, 1903.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Mary J. Bowers, Marinda Brooks, Bettie Divies, Sadie Buncan, Sadie Garrett, Mattie Herring, Lizzie Herring, Nannie Herring, Molly McDowel, Emma McLendon, Cora Mason, Lillian Moffitte, Minnie Paine, Mrs. S. J. Moses, Mary L. Swain, Mrs. C. H. West.

MEN'S LIST.

Capt. Joe Acaton, James Arthur, L. D. Baer, Pres. So. F'dry Co., H. M. Mell, G. E. Bellamy, E. D. Benjamin, John Benjamin, B. B. Bryan, M. N. Bryan, Dr. R. T. Bryan, Augustus Bryant, Edson Carr, Demps Council, Mr. Failbarn, F. G. Farmer, Johnnie Fennel, C. A. Ferguson, Lewis French, Rev. J. C. Gray, Frank Green, Edward Harris, Joe Harris, V. T. Haskins, Tom Herring, Harry G. Jacklin, Elis Jenerett, W. J. Jordan, Benjamin Keell, B. G. Lastinger, John H. McMillan, C. H. Mack, Bert Martin, P. H. Morgan, M. M. Morris, Frank O. Mosely, Johnie PerDew, Wyatt Perry, C. J. Potter, Jas. Allison Quince, J. G. Reaves, Roderick Ross, Elie Shoe, C. N. Simons, Stancil Smith, Rufus Stricklin, A. D. Tatum, W. F. Thomas, Johnie Whitley, F. J. Williams, Henry Williams, Joseph Williams, Henry Wilson (2), Willie Wright.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Rebecca Daas, J. M. Smith.

One cent due is charged on letters advertised.

Letters to strangers or transient visitors to a town or city, whose special address may be unknown, should be marked in the lower left-hand corner with the word "Transient."

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office.
M. C. DARBY,
Postmaster.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—127 bales cotton, 222 barrels tar, 22 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—421 bales cotton, 12 barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,327 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 12 barrels rosin, 185 barrels tar, 78 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—235 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 80 barrels rosin, 131 barrels tar.

Steamer Black River—28 casks spirits turpentine, 40 barrels tar

Total—2,010 bales cotton, 34 casks spirits turpentine, 92 barrels rosin, 590 barrels tar, 111 barrels crude turpentine.

EDITORIAL FLINGS.

We have no decire to mention an old topic, but it would be interesting if Carric Nation could meet Harry Lehr. —Chicago Tribune.

If it takes all the air ships as long as it takes Professor Langley to get a start his wife will have time for one more glance into the mirror.—Minneapolis Journal.

The British government has increased Poet Laureate Austin's pension. If this is the price of silence in the future we can understand the "raise."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A New York physician declares that the vermiform appendix is not useless. Certainly not. Think of how it has been used for experimental purposes by eminent surgeons.—Washington Post.

A Philadelphian claims to have discovered the secret of making gold from the baser metals. We knew Philadelphia was considered a sleepy town, but we didn't know they had dreams like that there.—Syracuse Herald.

The kaiser wants the pope to decorate him with the order of Protector of the Faith or something similar, it having just been discovered that on the back of the imperial coat, three inches above the waist, there is really plenty of room for a small medal.—Detroit Journal.

Similar Ways of the Extremes.

"He's either very rich or very poor."
"How do you know?"
"He always makes people wait a long time for their money."—Chicago Post.

Different Views.

"Spring has come!" cried the iceman jubilantly.
"Nay," sighed the coalman, "winter has gone."—Newark News.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 22.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 55c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 51½c; rosin firm at $1.35@1.40; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	34
Rosin	92
Tar	590
Crude turpentine	111

Receipts same day last year—15 casks spirits turpentine, 178 barrels rosin, 530 barrels tar, 190 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm at 13⅛c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 8c for middling.

Receipts—2,010 bales; same day last year, 2,142.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 15@30c; springs, 20@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Money on call was easy at 3@4 per cent., closing bid 3½ per cent., and offered at 4 per cent.; time loans easy; sixty days, 6 per cent; ninety days 5@5½ per cent.; six months 5@5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5½@6 per cent. Sterling exchange was weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484.50@484.55 for demand and 481.15@481 20 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates were 482 and 485½. Commercial bills 480¾@480⅞. Bar silver 55¾. Mexican dollars 42¼. U.S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 106; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107¾; do. coupon, off'd, 108; U.S.4's, new, reg'd, 133¼; do. coupons 133¼; U.S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109¼; U.S. 4's, old coupon, 110½; U. S. 5's, registered, 101½; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 114¾. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 87¾; Chesapeake & Ohio 32¼; Manhattan L 141⅞; New York Central 118¼; Reading 45½; do. 1st preferred 77; do. 2nd preferred 60; St. Paul 142¾; do. pref'd, 172; Southern Railway 20⅜; do. pref'd 77¼; Amalgamated Copper 47½; People's Gas 97¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 33; U. S. Leather 7½; U. S. Leather, preferred, 75⅜; Western Union 85¾; U. S. Steel 10⅜; do. preferred 54⅜; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 26¼; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 95 bid; sales — shares. Standard Oil 670.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 22.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 13½@14⅝; do. preferred, 23¼@25; do. bonds, fours, 72¼@72½. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 107 bid; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 22.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55½c; sales — casks. Rosin steady; sales — barrels; A, B, C, $2 15; D, $2 15, E, $2 15; F, $2 15; G, $2 30; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 80; N, $2 95; W G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 22.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 56c; receipts 251 casks; sales 1,080 casks; exports — casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 5,746 barrels; sales 2,246 barrels; exports — barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 25; D, $2 25; E, $2 25; F, $2 25; G, $2 30; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 90; N, $3 05; W G. $3 25; W W. $3 50.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of three to ten points, following cables that were considerably better than due, but with receipts heavy and the weather fine soon sagged back to within two or three points of yesterday's finals under continued liquidation. At the decline however, leading bull interests came to the support of the market and during the balance of the forenoon prices ruled steady to firm though the trading was not particularly active. Shortly after midday that market showed net advance, of nineteen and twenty points and trading was quiet. Then suddenly, the list was thrown into wild excitement by heavy buying orders from New Orleans and a sharp jump in that market while the local bull leader also began supporting the market aggressively. The advance was accompanied by rumors of a leak in the census bureau report which is expected around the first of the year and is expected to show the amount of cotton ginned up to December 14th. According to rumors current on the floor, the report would show that some two million bales of cotton have been ginned to December 14th, and point to a crop of 9,500,000 bales. The rumor was that the amount of cotton remaining to be ginned would approximate 7 per cent. In this connection a letter has been received by a local house from the director of the census stating that no estimate would be made of cotton remaining to be ginned. The alleged leak was backed up by very aggressive tactics on the part of the big bull operators, however, and prices here were rapidly advancing as they were also in New Orleans. Locally, January sold up to 13.22; March 13.47; May 13 59 and July to 13.60, all of these prices being new high records for the season. The market closed within a point or two of the top and steady at a net advance of forty-five and fifty-five points. Sales were estimated at 1,200,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Cotton quiet at 13.30c; net receipts 546 bales; gross receipts 2,240 bales; stock 74,770 bales.

Cotton futures market closed strong; December 13.13, January 13.21, February 13.31, March 13.45, April 13.48, May 13.58, June 13.57, July 13.59, August 13.19.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 30 points higher; middling uplands 13.30; middling gulf 13.55c; sales — bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 67,696 bales; exports to Great Britain 38,133 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 12,400 bales; Mexico — bales; stock 863,205 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 178,890 bales; exports to Great Britain 70,333 bales; exports to France 11,816 bales; exports to the Continent 87,430 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,856,919 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,450,734 bales; exports to France 496,254 bales; exports to the Continent 1,502,679 bales.

Dec 22.—Galveston, strong at 12⅞c, net receipts 23,687 bales; Norfolk, not received, net receipts 2,800 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 13.00c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 13 00c, net receipts 97 bales; Wilmington, firm at 12⅞c, net receipts 2,010 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 13.55c, net receipts 95 bales; Savannah, quiet at 12⅞, net receipts 10,120 bales; New Orleans, firm at 13c, net receipts 27,402 bales; Mobile, firm at 12⅞c, net receipts 1,936 bales; Memphis, firm at 12⅞c, net receipts 1,936 bales; Augusta, steady at 13c, net receipts 2,376 bales; Charleston, quiet at 12⅞c, net receipts 199 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Flour was quiet but sustained at old limits. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 92⅝. Options ruled fairly steady all day at about last night's prices. Early war rumors were later dissipated, closing advances in consols, and exporters withdrew from the cash market. A heavy Southwest movement, favorable weather and especially at St. Louis. The close, however, was steady at a partial ⅛c net decline; May closed 85⅝c; July closed 82c; December closed 92⅝c. Corn—Spot quiet; No. 2 53c. Options were neglected and a shade lower on easier cables, fine weather and light clearances. Closed ⅛@¼c net decline: May closed 49¼c; December 51⅛c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2 42¼. Lard steady. Pork steady. Butter steady; extra creamery 23c; State dairy 14@20. Cheese quiet; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3¼@5c. Potatoes firm; Long Island $2 12@2 37; Jerseys $2 00@2 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 10@2 37. Cabbage steady; domestic, per 100 $6 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12 Rice quiet. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 36c. Sugar—Raw nominal; refined quiet. Molasses firm. Tallow firm; city ($2 per package) 5c; country (package free) 4⅞@5⅛c. Cotton seed oil was quiet and very firmly held on strong Southern advices and light offerings. Closing quotations—Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 29@30c; prime summer yellow 37c asked; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 39@40c; prime winter yellow 40@43c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Large primary receipts and favorable harvesting weather in Argentine were bear factors in wheat to-day. Covering by shorts, however, held prices almost steady May closing ⅛ lower. May corn was unchanged and oats were off a fraction. Provisions were weak, the May products closing 5 to 17½c lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Cash prices: Flour dull; prices easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring 78@83; No. 3 spring 80c; No. 2 red 82½@86c. Corn—No. 2 41⅛c; No. 2 yellow 43⅛c. Oats—No. 2 37c; No. 3 white 34⅝@37⅝. Rye—No. 2 52@52½. Mess pork, per bbl, $11 75@11 87½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 45@50. Short rib sides, loose, $6 00@6 25. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 25@6 37½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 80½, 80¼, 79⅝, 80½; May 82⅝@83, 83, 82⅝, 82¾c; July 77⅜@77⅛, 77½, 77½, 77¼@77⅝c. Corn—No. 2 December 41@41½, 41¼, 41, 41⅛c; May 43⅝@43¾, 43¼, 43⅛, 43⅝c; July 43¾, 43⅛@43⅛, 43¼, 43¼@43⅝c. Oats—No. 2 December 35, 35, 34⅛, 34⅝; May 37@37½, 37⅛, 36⅝, 37c; July 34¼, 34¼, 34, 34c. Mess pork, per bbl —January $11 77½, 11 77½, 11 62½, 11 62½; May $12 27½, 12 30, 12 02½, 12 05. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 52½, 6 55, 6 45, 6 45; May $6 75, 6 77½, 6 65, 6 67½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 25, 6 25, 6 12½, 6 12½; May $6 47½, 6 50, 6 37½, 6 40.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; mild firm. The market for coffee futures opened steady at a decline of 10 to 20 points in sympathy with lower European markets. Leading bull interests came to the support of the market and it ruled generally steady to firm, recovering its early loss and closing at unchanged prices to an advance of 5 points. Sales 150,000 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.—Cotton: Spot, in limited demand; prices eight points lower; American middling fair 7.32d; good middling 7.16d; middling 7.06d; low middling 7.00d; good ordinary 6.90d; ordinary 6.70d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 800 bales were for speculation and export and included 2,600 bales American. Receipts 52,000 bales, including 49,800 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet; American middling (g o c): December 6.91d; December and January 6.87@6.88d; January and February 6.84d; February and March 6.82@6.83d; March and April 6.80@6.81d; April and May 6.79@6.80d; May and June 6.78@6.79d; June and July 6.76@6.77d; July and August 6.73@6.74d; August and September 6.58d.

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4th. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Mulberry and Fourteenth street, runs with western line of Fourteenth street 114 feet, west parallel with Mulberry street 80 feet to small branch, southeast with the run thereof to north line of Mulberry street, thence with north line of Mulberry street, eastwardly to the beginning; same being less by 10 feet on Fourteenth street than the whole lot and being east end of L—, Block 470.

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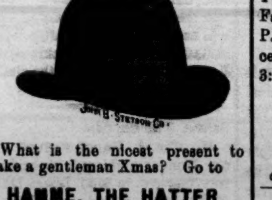

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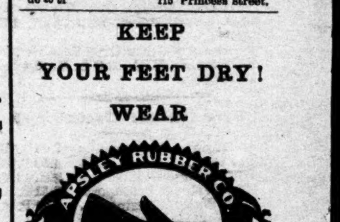

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RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,121,992 44	Capital	$ 200,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	250 00 00	Surplus and net profits	102,508 80
Bank Building	20,500 00	Circulation	20,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	712 1 6 34	Deposits	1,097,149 68
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Comparative statement of deposits,

Nov. 17th, 1901, $673,308 58. Nov. 17th, 1902, $51,164,000 05 Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,827,149 68.

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Old Browne's Courtship

The girl I am going to tell you about is rather pretty, and her name is Edith. She has dark hair, and her eyes are blue, and she dresses well. She has been graduated from a seminary of good repute, and her disposition is amiable to a degree which more than a year ago brought all the young men of the neighborhood at her feet. I think she won a tennis championship in singles somewhere last year, but I am not certain about that. What I can recall among her most pronounced accomplishments I will put down here later on. I met her so long a time ago that I have forgotten the circumstances of our meeting, but I guess they were of the ordinary sort. I live two doors from her house, and I drop in to see her and Mrs. Burke at least once a week. Even her marriage, which hurt me so much at the time, did not separate us for very long, and I think I have lived to forget my first rash determination never to look upon her face again. I called the night of the wedding, and I have been calling regularly ever since. I am beginning to believe that it was a good thing, after all, that she didn't marry me.

What I want to tell—and it won't take long to tell it in my dry fashion—is the story of old Browne's courtship. I make my living by keeping the cash accounts of a big Market street wholesale house, and Browne is the man whose desk is next to mine in the counting room. Our salary is about the same, and, although he is two years younger than I am, I being fifty-one now, we both have held the same positions for twenty years. Browne weighs more than 200 pounds, and I weigh a trifle less.

Mrs. Burke, who is Edith's mother, came to me this summer and had quite a long talk with me about her personal affairs. She said that her late husband's estate was pretty much entangled and that to keep her present establishment on Arch street going she would have to rent some of the handsome rooms in the house to boarders. Of course she didn't want to do that, and of course I deprecated the plan, but in the end it turned out that we both had to give in.

Old Browne rented the second story front room the day after I told him about it. He had been living away uptown, and he was glad to get a little nearer to the office, besides enjoying all the social prestige which geographical conditions could give him. He moved into the rooms with a dozen trunks and a wealth of bric-a-brac, which, to my mind, did not become his age. Mrs. Burke was glad to accept the reference to me which he gave her, and Edith smiled upon him when she gave him his night key.

I thought a good deal of Edith, and every night or two we played cards in her mother's rooms. She and I played partners against young Bob Smith and Mrs. Burke. We were pretty evenly matched, too, for Bob played a stiff game of whist, and I—well, you may remember that I was one of the Pentecost club's prize team last fall. Edith and I won most of the games, though, for Bob was too infernally lazy ever to do anything well. And then he never seemed to mind it if he lost.

The presence of old Browne annoyed me a great deal, and I don't mind saying so. About a week after he took his rooms there I found him occupying my seat at the whist table when I called. He was fumbling the cards in his awkward fashion, and Edith was laughing at him. Bob was engaged in giving an imitation of my telling a war story, and even Mrs. Burke was approving the ridiculous proceedings. I coughed, and that stopped the game, but I was uncomfortable all the evening. Bob had the good sense to apologize, but old Browne simply tittered for an hour over what he seemed to consider a good joke on me.

After that all my affairs seemed to go wrong, and I began to seriously consider whether I shouldn't rent every room in Mrs. Burke's house myself. I was actually contemplating this proposition one night in my own apartments, smoking my last bowl of tobacco the while, when the colored girl who waits on the door said that a man had called to see me. I have few callers, and I thought it might be Mr. Phipps, the managing partner of my house, whom I had invited to come to see me more than a month ago.

With this idea in mind I told the girl to delay the man below stairs for a moment while I slipped into other clothes. Then the door opened, and old Browne came ambling in. I was disgusted on the instant, but I managed to conceal my real feelings and invited him to be seated. He looked all around him to see if I was alone, set his hat on the floor and then accepted my invitation with a kind of sigh.

"Thank you," he said, "I only want to see you for a moment."

I offered him a pipe, and he declined it. I told him my cigars were out.

"It doesn't make any difference," he said. "I'd rather not smoke. I came here to ask you some things about the Burkes."

The Lord only knows how I looked at him as he hesitated for a moment.

"I have seen enough of them," he went on, "to believe that they are perfectly respectable people—otherwise I would not have taken lodging there. You and I are old friends, and you will take away even the slight doubt there is in my mind. Are they perfectly respectable?"

Somehow or other I managed to nod my head, but his presumption was paralyzing me.

"Thank you again," he proceeded. "The reason that I asked you is that I am going to marry Edith."

It took me a couple of minutes to master my emotions, but I am proud to say I did it. My reply was cool—almost chilly.

"Indeed!" I said. "Has she accepted you?"

"No, because I haven't proposed yet. I have given the matter a good deal of thought, but before I took so serious a step in my life I wanted some such wise old head as yours to advise me. Now I am happy, and we'll get married at once."

He shook hands with me, and the old idiot didn't notice that I failed to respond. At the door I managed to ask him this question:

"What makes you believe she'll have you?"

He seemed astonished.

"Have me!" he repeated. "Why, she's been after me ever since she knew me. I'll settle it tomorrow evening."

As he turned [illegible] stairs I noticed that he had on a suit of new clothes, a white vest and a red necktie. He said something about feeling like a schoolboy, and I rushed back to my room more affronted than I had ever been before in my life. I can always think best when I am in bed, and so I undressed and got under covers very quickly. When I had thought diligently for an hour, I turned over and said this to myself:

"The old fat beast! The idea of her marrying him! I'll propose myself to her tomorrow morning. She has been expecting it, I know, for a long time."

I didn't sleep very well and arose a little after 7 o'clock. It took me an hour to dress myself, and, having no appetite for breakfast, I only drank a cup of strong coffee. I then walked nearly a mile before I had decided what to say, and was barely satisfied with the result. Edith was the sort of girl to be particular about such things, and I wanted to please her fancy.

Mrs. Burke came to the door and was just as much surprised to see me as I thought she would be.

"It was very good of you to come so soon," she said, "and I didn't think you knew it yet."

"Knew what?" said I.

She pulled me inside the hall and looked at me, half smiling and half tearful.

"Didn't you come to—er—congratulate anybody?"

Then I sat down on the hatrack and shook my head. I felt that it was all over and that old Browne had won, and never in my life did I suffer so much misery in so small a space of time.

"Then," said Mrs. Burke, "I am glad to be able to inform you myself. Edith and Bob are engaged to be married."

I arose and sat down again. I thought of many things, but only one sentence struggled through my lips:

"Does—does old Browne know about it?" I asked.

"Oh, yes, but it won't interest him. Before he went downtown this morning he told me that he would have to give up his room on account of the sun shining in it too brightly in the morning. I'm going to turn the whole house now over to Edith."

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State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, } Superior Court Before the Clerk.

Edgar Miller and wife Nancy Miller, Olivias Waddell and Sophie Miller } Plaintiffs

vs.

John Rhew alias John Miller and Lucy Rhew alias Lucy Miller, } Defendants.

It appearing from an affidavit filed in this cause, that the above named defendant, Lucy Miller, is a non-resident of this State and cannot, after due diligence, be found in this State and that a cause of action exists in plaintiffs favor against the said defendant in that said defendant is a tenant in common of a certain lot in the city of Wilmington at the northwestern intersection of Fanning and Anderson streets fronting 83½ feet on Fanning street and 66 feet on Anderson street, with the other parties to this action and that a sale thereof is deemed necessary to make a partition or division thereof.

Now these are, therefore, to notify the said defendant, Lucy Miller, to be and appear at my office in the Court House, in the city of Wilmington North Carolina, on Wednesday, the 6th of January, 1904, and answer or demur to the petition, this day filed or judgment will be granted according to the prayer th reof.

This the 14th day of November, 1903.

JOHN D. TAYLOR,

Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County. we no 25 6t w

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Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m, arrives Lumberton 5:36 p. m., Pembroke 6:30 p m, Maxton 6.45 p m, Hamlet 7:35 p m. arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:20 p m, arrives Lumberton 2:15 a m, Pembroke 2.55 a m, Maxton 4 03 a m, Hamlet 6:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:03 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:40 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:36 a m, Pembroke 1:36 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 55 a m	1 05 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 02 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	7 30 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	5 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 45 a m	6 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 05 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	9 00 a m	6 35 p m
Ar Norfolk		

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 05 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 35 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 15 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 56 p m	11 35 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 35 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 58 p m	3 40 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 38 a m	9 13 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 35 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 12 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 43 p m	11 45 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	10 35 p m	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 20 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 a m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 25 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 20 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 20 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 25 p m	Ar	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

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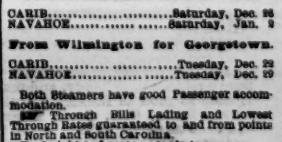

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M		A. M	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 33	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 27	9 00
7 03	7 07	Morehead City	7 23	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A M	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING. DEC. 23.

SELF-CONFESSED MURDER.

Sensational Trial and Conviction in Brooklyn of a Sailor Charged With Killing Captain of Schr. C. K. Buckley.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—With a verdict that sends Frank H. Burness, a self-confessed murderer, to the electric chair, a jury before Judge Crane this morning ended one of the most sensational murder trials heard in Brooklyn for months. The murder was committed on November 10th last, when Burness shot Captain George B. Townsend, of the schooner Charles K. Buckley, because the latter would not pay him $6.80 the prisoner alleged to be due him. This and other killings were calmly described by Burness to-day on the witness stand, and the murderer insisted that he did the deed with premeditation and in a full realization of the consequences.

The jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. Burness smiled broadly when the jury was being polled. Judge Crane said he would sentence Burness on Monday and he asked the judge if he would be permitted to say something. On being given the privilege, he said:

"There may be an idea in the minds of some of the jurors that I hold a grudge against them for having found me guilty. I wish to say that I do not feel that way in the slightest, and (laughingly) all I can say is I wish them a merry Christmas."

Burness is about 44 years of age, and according to his own statement was born in Butler, Pa.

When asked what he thought would be the result of his act, he coolly replied, "I only see one way out of it."

"What is that?"

"Why, the chair, of course," he said.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Man Convicted of Defrauding Farmers by Fraudulent Use of the Mails.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Charles D. Fenstemacher, aged 48 years, who was yesterday convicted in the United States District Court of using the mails to defraud, to-day committed suicide by hanging himself with a towel in a cell in the county prison. When arrested, Fenstemacher was employed as a book-keeper for a firm of commission merchants. Postal Inspector Holden says his criminal record extends over a period of thirty years. His plan was to mail letters to farmers in various sections of the country through which he secured large consignments of produce. This he sold, but failed to make adequate financial returns to the farmers.

During his trial witnesses from North Carolina, Georgia, Ohio and New York State, testified that they had been victimized by Fenstemacher. He was committed to the county prison pending the result of an appeal for a new trial.

VESSELS IN COLLISION.

Torpedo Boat Winslow and Ferry Boat America —Both Badly Damaged.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The torpedo boat Winslow was in collision with the *ferry boat America* in the East river to-day. The hull of the *ferry* boat was stove in and the torpedo boat was also injured. The Winslow was starting for Newport, but at once put back to the navy yard which was reached without assistance.

The ferry boat, which was crowded with passengers, began to fill rapidly. As she was nearest the Manhattan shore her captain turned her around and managed to reach the Grand street pier in New York.

In the bow of the Winslow is a hole 14 inches in diameter and the bow is badly twisted and bent. When she reached the navy yard the torpedo boat was leaking badly and has been docked for repairs.

FOR BACK TAXES.

Suits Entered in Mississippi Against Brewing and Packing Companies.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JAAKSON, MISS., Dec. 22.—The State revenue agent had entered suits against a large number of packing and brewing companies who do business in this city, for back taxes on their refrigerator cars. Among those sued are the Schlitz Brewing Company, Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company, Standard Oil Company, American Cotton Oil Company, Armour Packing Company, Cudhy Packing Company, Swift Packing Company, and a score of other concerns. The agent asks that these concerns be made to pay the taxes on their cars used in this State for the last ten years. The total amount of the assessments on which taxes are alleged to be due is two hundred and nineteen million dollars.

COTTON MILL AT MARSHALL.

Will be Financed by a Banker and Broker of New York City.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 22.—H. H. Pottle, a banker and broker of New York city, has undertaken to finance the new cotton mill to be built at Marshall, for which a charter was granted recently. The mill, to be located on the French Broad river, will have an equipment of 10,000 spindles and a full complement of looms for the manufacture of sheetings. An innovation will be the importing of working people from the crowded tenements of New York city to operate the mill. Mr. Pottle anticipates no difficulty in inducing a sufficient number of those people to leave their environments for a life of comparative freedom in the mountains of North Carolina.

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THE WAR CLOUD IN THE FAR EAST.

Situation Graver Than Since Commencement of Russo-Japanese Negotiations

JAPAN'S REPLY TO RUSSIA.

Rejects the Fundamental Points at Issue. Not Believed, However, That It is Tantamount to an Ultimatum.

By Cable to the Morning Star

TOKIO, Dec. 22.—It is asserted in official circles here that the Japanese reply to Russia rejects the fundamental points at issue, which are understood to include mutual guarantees for the preservation of Chinese and Corean sovereignty while securing their individual interests.

The situation is graver than since the commencement of the negotiations, but is still susceptible to a pacific solution if Russia will quickly reconsider her reply.

The fact that Foreign Minister Komura called on Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, yesterday instead of Baron de Rosen calling on Komura is explained by the fact that the Baron is suffering from an affection. But the explanation has obvious diplomatic significance and it is interpreted that Japan is determined not to afford Russia possible ground for claiming Japanese impetuosity as an excuse. Komura's communication is not believed officially to be necessarily tantamount to an ultimatum, as rumored.

War preparations continue apace. The transports and the warships can sail at five minutes notice.

The Japanese government proposes immediately to undertake the completion of the Seoul-Fusan railroad, under the direct supervision of Japan.

Popular sentiment and the press are eagerly urging the government to set a limit to the "Russian tactics of aggression and insolent negligence."

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Confirmation was obtained from official sources to-day of the reports that Foreign Secretary Lansdowne and Foreign Minister Del Casse have within the last few days made strong representations at Tokio with the view to averting a crisis between Russia and Japan. There is reason to believe that these representations, coming at the critical moment when Japan's reply was being handed to the Russian minister, Baron de Rosen, exercised a powerful restraining influence. This is especially true of Lord Lansdowne, owing to Great Britain being the ally of Japan. The terms of the Japanese answer are not yet known here, but owing to the action taken by Great Britain and France the officials here are confident that her answer permits of a continuance of the diplomatic negotiations towards securing common grounds for an agreement.

Press dispatches from Tokio affirm that the Japanese ministers abroad have been instructed to deny the sensational reports regarding the relations between Japan and Russia and to say that while Japan replied to Russia yesterday her response was not in the nature of an ultimatum, that it demands, simply, changes in some of the determined points, and finally that Russia is ready to continue the exchange of diplomatic views. It is added that the Japanese now give evidence of a pacific tendency. This information accords with the view prevailing in diplomatic circles here.

The *Temps* to-day published the following on authority:

"The fears of a Russo-Japanese conflict at present are without foundation. It is even said that an agreement is about to be reached on the main points at issue, and it is only a question of form, or more correctly of pride, which is causing the two powers to hesitate. But it is desired and hoped that a compromise satisfactory to both parties will be arranged."

CHICAGO LIVERY DRIVERS.

Arbitration Plans to Settle the Strike Funerals Held Under Difficulties. Union Label Funeral.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Members of the Livery Drivers' Union met to-day to consider an arbitration plan to settle their strike and decided to accept conditional arbitration. The plan grew out of a meeting of a committee of employers and representatives of the union last night.

While arbitration was being considered to-day news was received of the first "union label funeral" since the strike began. The funeral was arranged by Undertaker C. M. Marks, the body of the decedent being removed in a "dead" wagon bearing a placard proclaiming the vehicle to be owned by an undertaker paying the union scale. It was also the first funeral in which a procession of carriages was supplied to carry the mourners. There were six carriages labelled like the improvised hearse.

The funeral of John J. Kelly was held under cover of darkness last night on account of the possibility of violence. The services had been announced before the recall of pickets. After simple home services an undertaker's wagon conveyed the remains to a railroad depot from which the corpse was shipped to St. Paul, Minn.

The body of Mrs. Catherina Masterson, the mother of Rev. John Masterson, was borne through the streets on a hand truck while undertakers and liverymen and their drivers argued as to whether they ought to submit the contest to arbitration.

The coffin was carried to the church of the Holy Family, on the truck, while six pall-bearers walked bareheaded beside the flower strewn coffin, and following them came a procession of mourners.

Fifty carriages had been asked for, but none was furnished, and over 200 people were prevented from attended the burial.

SUITS FOR DAMAGES.

Against the Coal Creek Coal Company and its Manager.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Dec. 22.—Men who were brought from St. Louis to Coal Creek about fifteen days ago to work in the Coal Creek Company's mines have brought suits for damages against the company and Manager George M. Camp. They allege that false representations were made to induce them to come to Coal Creek.

Two of the cases have been tried and the court returned a verdict for $350 costs and attorneys' fees in each case. The men sued for $499. The men after reaching Coal Creek were waited on by a body of 400 or 500 men, presumably union miners, and were persuaded not to work in the Coal Creek Company's mines.

SENSATIONAL MURDER AT RISING SUN, IND.

Assassination of Mrs. Elizabeth Gillespie. Members of Her Family Charged With the Crime

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RISING SUN, IND., Dec 22.—In its report of the investigation of the assassination of Miss Elizabeth Gillespie, on December 8, the grand jury to-day returned true bills of murder in the first degree against James Gillespie, a twin brother of the murdered woman; Mrs. Belleaward, her widowed sister; Mrs. Carrie Barbour, niece of Dr. Thad A. Reamy, an eminent physician of Cincinnati, and Myron Barbour, her husband. Mrs. Barbour is sister-in-law of Dr. William Gillespie, brother of the murdered woman. Bench warrants were issued immediately by Judge Downey of the circuit court. The Gillespies were expecting the arrests and Dr. Gillespie drove to the home of the accused in a closed carriage and brought the indicted persons to the court house, surrendering all of them to the court. A newspaper photographer attempted to take a snap-shot of the party and was struck by James Gillespie, who broke away from Sheriff Rump and knocked the camera from the hands of the photographer.

The four indictments were read to the accused. The indictments charged them with "feloniously, maliciously and with premeditated intent," causing the death of Elizabeth Gillespie. A conspiracy among members of the murdered woman's own family to kill her is charged. James Gillespie, her twin brother, is the one who is charged as the principal, although all are charged with murder in the first degree. Each entered a plea of not guilty. Captain Coles, attorney for the defendants, presented petitions for writs of habeas corpus on the ground that there is not enough evidence to indict and that their liberty was with held on a charge of a crime of which they were innocent. Judge Downey ordered the writs returnable immediately and the petition was then heard with arguments.

GOV. TERRELL OF GEORGIA.

Endorses President Roosevelt in Recognition of Independence of Panama. Means Construction of Canal.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 22.—At a banquet given this evening by the business men of Atlanta to Brigadier General Barry, in command of the Department of the Gulf, Governor Joseph M. Terrell, of Georgia, was also a guest of honor. In response to the toast "The State," Governor Terrell said among other things:

"With many things that President Roosevelt has done, indeed, with perhaps most of the acts of his administration, I differ; but there are two things which I most heartily endorse. I endorse the establishment of the Department of the Gulf and I most heartily endorse the recognition of the independence of Panama, which means the construction of an isthmian canal, a thing in which we, as Southerners, are most deeply and most vitally interested. It is not and cannot be made a party matter. We want the canal and we are in a fair way to get it, and if we do not get it now it will be our own fault.

COTTON FUTURES MARKET.

Active and Excited—Closed With a Gain of 45 and 55 Points.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The cotton market became very active and excited this afternoon on a rush of buying orders, led by New Orleans. As prices worked upward there was active covering. The list was forced up to new records for the season, with January selling at 13.17, March at 13.38, May at 13.49 and July at 12.50. According to room gossip the advance was largely due to reports that a tip was in circulation in New Orleans regarding the forthcoming census bureau report, making it appear that about 2,000,000 bales of cotton had been ginned between November 14th and December 14th, with the amount remaining to be ginned about seven per cent. of the crop. The market closed steady within a point or two of the best of the session, with January quoted at 13.21, March at 13.45, May at 13.58 and July at 13.59, being a gain of forty-five and fifty-five points. The sales were estimated at 1,200,000 bales.

IN THE U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.

Proceedings Against Olympia and Granby Cotton Mills in South Carolina.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 22.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day, Judge Simonton presiding, with District Judge Brawley assisting, the preliminary hearing in the case of Mrs. P. H. Dearing and Mrs. Eugenia Dearing, against the Olympia and Granby Cotton Mills, et al, was begun. From indications the hearing may conclude to-morrow. The case of Leonard Phinby and Alcos Hull vs. Olympia Mills, an action for the appointment of a receiver for the mills will follow. In the first case, the plaintiffs seek to establish an equitable lien on the properties of the Olympia mill in return for $350,000 of money of Granby mill paid for common stock of Olympia mills and other money and assets of Granby mills alleged to have been diverted by the directors of said mill for the benefit and use of the Olympia mills, which plaintiffs allege said directors knew to be worthless.

SUSPECTED SAFE BLOWERS.

Sentenced to the County Chain Gang in Mobile, Alabama.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MOBILE, ALA., Dec. 22.—Pending the convening of the grand jury in February next, Albert Driscoll and J. F. Russell, suspected of being safe-blowers, to day in the probate court were sentenced to the county chain gang. The men are charged with having carried concealed weapons and bringing burglars' tools into the State.

Under the laws of Alabama persons charged with State offences may elect to go to the convict camp instead of remaining in jail until their cases are tried.

The chief of police is in receipt of a letter from the detective bureau of Newport News, Va., stating that Russell, who is known there as J. A. Callahan, is believed to be one of the party of safe-blowers who attempted to rob the safe of the Newport News Furniture Company on Nov. 21st.

Racket Store will be open from now until Christmas until 9 P. M.; Christmas Eve until 12 o'clock. †

Cold Weather Overcoats on special sale at Gaylord's store. †

COLOMBIA MAKING WAR PREPARATIONS

Even the Women Demand to be Enlisted for the Purpose of Going to Panama.

WAITING UPON GEN. REYES

The Government and People Hope that the United States Will Avoid a Conflict, What is Said in Washington Naval Commanders.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BOGOTA, Dec. 22.—Patriotic meetings are being held here every evening at which contingents of men and sums of money are offered to the government. Even the women demand to be enlisted for the purpose of going to Panama to subdue the separatists.

The government only awaits news from General Reyes and if that news is to the effect that nothing can be accomplished by diplomatic means, then the authorities will continue to send troops toward the isthmus.

The government and people hope that the United States Congress will avoid a conflict and they rely upon the fairness of the American press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—"Refusal by the United States to consent to a proposition from Colombia for a reference of the Panama question to The Hague tribunal is expected and will be fully approved by the European powers."

This statement was made to a representative of the Associated Press tonight by a European ambassador of high rank and influence. It has already been made in substance, though in rather more diplomatic language, to General Rafael Reyes, the Colombian minister, who is expected in his forthcoming note to the State Department to suggest The Hague tribunal as the proper place for the settlement of the isthmian problem.

The ambassador quoted, in explaining the attitude of European powers, said: "Panama is a closed chapter in the history of nations and The Hague court is not the place for settling questions but for pending problems, which are referred to it with the full approval of all the parties interested. When Russia, Germany and France recognized the independence of Panama they set their seal of approval on the prompt action of the Washington government in pledging itself to guarantee and maintain the independence of the republic it had previously recognized. Nations can hardly be expected to settle questions of sovereignty or national honor at The Hague.

"There is, however, a question between Colombia and Panama which with all propriety might be referred to The Hague and to which reference the United States will scarcely offer objection. It is the question of the assumption by Panama of a part of the Colombia debt."

At the Navy Department the statement is made to-night that the instructions to the naval commanders in isthmian waters to "prevent the landing of forces with hostile intent" have not been modified. These instructions, it is believed, are sufficiently comprehensive to enable the commanders to maintain transit across the isthmus and to protect the new republic from Colombian expeditions.

Cruiser Dixie.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—The United States cruiser Dixie, which is to take the new Caribbean sea battalion of marines to Colon, passed in the Delaware breakwater late to-day from Colon. It is expected that the cruiser will sail for Colon before the first of the new year.

Ordered to Panama.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The United States cruiser New York arrived to-day from Bremerton, Washington. It was understood that she will at once proceed to Panama. The commandant of the Mare Island navy yard has been ordered to draft 250 men from the receiving ship Independence and send them here to join the New York to-morrow. Supplies for the cruiser will also be in readiness.

The torpedo boat destroyers Preble and Paul Jones have received supplies of ammunition at Mare Island and are expected here to-morrow in readiness to steam with the New York.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Donations of $1,850,000 Received from Mr. John D. Rockefeller.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—It was announced to-day at the forty-ninth convocation of the University of Chicago that donations amounting to $1,850,000 had been received from John D. Rockefeller, founder of the university. Of this amount $1,500,000 in real estate improved and unimproved in the immediate vicinity of the university, was formally transferred by Mr. Rockefeller. For current expenses of the university during the year beginning July 1, 1904, $345,000 was given; $53,000 was donated for the completion of the power plant and improvement of the grounds and $50,000 is given by Mr. Rockefeller for the work of excavation and exploration in Oriental lands.

WARM WIRELETS.

United States Minister Beaupre left Bogota yesterday for Cartagena.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien got the decision over Twin Sullivan in a 15-round bout at the Criterion Club in Boston last night.

The aldermen of Winston Salem, N. C., have accepted Andrew Carnegie's offer of fifteen thousand dollars for a library on the usual terms.

Barnard Shipp, of Louisville, a literary recluse, has bequeathed his library, valued at $100,000, to the University of Virginia.

Word has been received at the headquarters of the United Mine Workers that 1,000 miners in Preston county, West Virginia, have quit work on account of a reduction of 10 cents a ton in their scale.

Deputy Marshal B. G. E. Daughtry, one of the men shot by W. A. Gautier, arrested in Sampson county, N. C., for destroying rural mail boxes, died yesterday. Gautier having been sent to the Federal prison at Atlanta, will be brought back to Raleigh at the next term of Federal court, six months hence, to answer to the charge of killing the officer.

Another large steamship has gone ashore near where the Red Star Line steamer Finland grounded on Saturday last. Owing to the fog which prevails the observers ashore have up to the present been unable to ascertain the vessel's name. The Finland went ashore at Nieuwersluis, near Flushing, Holland.

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283 NEW CLOAKS!

We Are Receiving Daily New Cloaks.

Will have to arrive this week 283 all styles.

No. 331, a lady's Coat, made of the best material, full military finish, long Cape, all colors, at $6.98; they have been $10. Our best Coats $16.50. Same Coat, full Silk lined, latest style $12.50 in all colors. Some stores selling them for $20.

No. 381, Black and light Chocolate or Castor Coat, best goods, without Cape, at $5.98; has been selling at $8.

No. 461, A good Coat in latest style at $2.98. We have the box or light back and will guarantee to save you from $2 to $6 on a Coat. I also have a full line of Misses long Coats from 65c to $6.75 each.

Don't forget our 69c Kid Gloves; they are the same other stores charge you $1 and $1.50 for.

MILLINERY.

Our fine Pattern Hats will go at Cost; $10 Hats $7, and $8 Hats for $5, and $5 Hats for $3.50, $16 Hats for $10. Our ready to wear Hats that were $2.75; all reduced to $1.50.

Misses' and Children's Hats that was $1 75 now 75c.

A new line of very fine Furs, something fine for Christmas presents, $1.95, $3.50, $5, $6 and $8.

A new lot of wide Lace Collars $39c, $1, $1.50, $3; the collar with stole effect, Batenburg work; come nearly to waist, for $2.50.

A new lot of fine Skirts to arrive Tuesday, December 15th.

Waist, Stock Collars, Silk Mufflers.

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dec 15 tf

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From now till Christmas, it's only a few days, but each one of them is worth any two days of merchandizing.

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The C. W. Polvogt Co.

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Christmas is Near at Hand

And we are waiting and ready to supply your wants in all kinds of

Pretty Slippers and Shoes,

as well as Leggins and Over-gaiters. See us for any foot wants, be they large or small.

Geo. R. French & Sons.

Our Store will be open after night this week. dec 20 tf

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Which Appear From the Record as Filed Yesterday.

Matilda A. Hayden to Mary E. Bishop, $1,650, house and lot on south side of Dock, 165 feet east of Seventh street, 33x132 feet in size.

Fannie Brown, of Newport, R. I., to Rebecca Henderson, for $40, lot on north side of Dawson, 96½ feet west of Fifth street, 28½x55 feet in size.

Wyatt Henderson and wife to Fannie Brown, of Newport, R. I., for $40, lot same as described above.

Two negroes, Peter McLemen and Jake Husband, were killed near Vicksburg, Miss., in a pistol fight with Conductor B. F. Carr, of a Southern passenger train. The negroes were drunk and attempted to create a disturbance. Conductor Carr ordered them to be quiet, when the blacks, drawing revolvers, fired at the conductor. He replied and fifteen shots were exchanged. At the end the negroes fell mortally wounded. Carr was not hurt.

Special Rates via Seaboard Air Line.

Charlotte, N. C., Annual Meeting Shriners. Tickets on sale Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th, final limit Dec. 31st. Fare for round trip from Wilmington, N. C., $7.75.

Atlanta, Ga. Department of Supt's. National Education Association. Tickets on sale February 21st and 22nd, final limit Feb. 27th. Fare for round trip from Wilmington $13 00.

Important Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned that all pipe connections with water, gas or sewerage mains on Market street, between Second and Fourth streets, will have to be made at once before paving is done, as no permits for tearing up these streets will be given after said work is finished.

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Vann's Cigar Store—Cigars by the box at wholesale prices, packed 12 and 25 in box, especially for the holidays. Nice line of pipes, cigar cases, holders, jars, etc. Lot of new brands just received. See them before buying. dec 22 tf

Wanted—Prices on hauling sand. Also white watchman, with recommendations, for a few days. Apply New Warehouse, S. A. L. Depot. de 23 1t*

Notice is hereby given that I will make application to the Board of Aldermen and Board of County Commissioners to retail liquors at No. 5 South second street. J. B. J. Sandlin. dec 22 3t

Blooming Plants for Christmas Gifts Roman Hyacinths and Narcissus in pots and pans, also beautiful line of Palms, Ferns and Foliage plants and everything in cut flowers. Rehder Bros. dec 20 3t

Wood for sale, car load lots. All kinds of wood. For further information app'y to R. O. Applewhite, Cronly, N. C. dec 19 10t

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 20 tf

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Phares & Co. to Mary J. Phares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 12 1m

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 12 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Seller, Wilmington, N. C. dec 9 3 mos.

The Only Restaurant, 103 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 19 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 207 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

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New Theatre at Mount Olive.

A new opera house with seating capacity of 600 was opened last night with a standing room only audience to witness the opening production which was by the Mabel Paige Company, introducing the favorite Southern actress herself. The company will play in the new theatre again to-day, matinee and night, and will complete the week at Goldsboro, coming to Wilmington Monday.

We Try to Make All Hearts Happy on CHRISTMAS DAY.

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Men's Hats.

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1.25 hat for 75c.; a $1.50 hat for $1; a $2 hat for $1 25. These hats are all new and stylish and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

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In this department you will find that we have lots of new ribbon for the Christmas trade. No. 1, in fancy colors, is the best quality of satin at 1c a yard, 10c a roll; we have a full line of No. 2 ribbon at 2½c a yard or 25c a roll; No. 5 ribbon at 40c a roll; No. 22 we sell at 10c a yard; Nos. 40 and 60 we sell at 15c a yard; No. 80 at 20c a yard; we have all kinds of ribbon for Christmas trade and we would be glad if you would give our stock a trial. In ladies' hats we have just received a nice line of silk and velvet hats; also a splendid assortment in scratch felt hats of the very latest shapes. We are selling silk hats at 75c each, the same that we sold for $1.25 and our fine velvet hats that are $3.25 values are $1.50.

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Geo. O. Gaylord,

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dec 15 tf 208 and 210 North Front Street.

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